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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 539)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the public safety equipment fund, providing
- 2 for voluntary contributions to the fund, and including
- 3 effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.47 Public safety equipment fund.
- A public safety equipment fund is created in the state
- 3 treasury under the control of the department. The fund shall
- 4 consist of moneys remitted by the county treasurer of a county
- 5 or by the department of transportation which were collected
- 6 through the payment of a contribution made by an applicant for
- 7 motor vehicle registration renewal pursuant to section 321.44B
- 8 and any other moneys appropriated to or deposited in the fund.
- 9 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for the
- 10 purchase, maintenance, and replacement of equipment used by the
- 11 department.
- 12 2. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
- 13 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a
- 14 fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
- 15 expenditure for the purposes designated. Notwithstanding
- 16 section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in
- 17 the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 18 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321.44B Voluntary contribution
- 19 public safety equipment fund amount retained by county
- 20 treasurer.
- 21 For each application for registration renewal, the county
- 22 treasurer or the department shall request through use of a
- 23 written form, and, if the application is made in person,
- 24 through verbal communication, that an applicant make a
- 25 voluntary contribution of one dollar or more, computed to the
- 26 nearest whole dollar, to the public safety equipment fund
- 27 established pursuant to section 80.47. One hundred percent
- 28 of the moneys collected by the county and one hundred percent
- 29 of the moneys collected by the department in the form of
- 30 contributions shall be remitted to the treasurer of state for
- 31 deposit in the public safety equipment fund to be used for the
- 32 purposes specified for the fund. However, up to five percent
- 33 of the moneys collected by the county may be retained by the
- 34 county treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the county.
- 35 The director shall adopt rules to administer this section.

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- 1 Sec. 3. Section 331.557, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- Issue, renew, and replace lost or damaged vehicle
- 4 registration cards or plates, and issue and transfer
- 5 certificates of title for vehicles, and collect voluntary
- 6 contributions, as provided in sections 321.17 to through
- 7 321.52.
- 8 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January 1,
- 9 2020.
- 10 EXPLANATION
- 11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 13 This bill creates a public safety equipment fund and
- 14 appropriates moneys in the fund to the department of public
- 15 safety for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of
- 16 equipment used by the department. The bill provides that for
- 17 each application for motor vehicle registration renewal, the
- 18 county treasurer or the department of transportation (DOT)
- 19 shall request through use of a written form, and, if the
- 20 application is made in person, through verbal communication,
- 21 that an applicant make a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more,
- 22 computed to the nearest whole dollar, to the public safety
- 23 equipment fund. The moneys collected by the county and the DOT
- 24 in the form of contributions must be remitted to the treasurer
- 25 of state for deposit in the public safety equipment fund.
- 26 However, up to 5 percent of the moneys collected by the county
- 27 may be retained by the county treasurer for deposit in the
- 28 general fund of the county.
- 29 The bill takes effect January 1, 2020.